



FairPoint Communications
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Business Continuity Plan Overview

Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope
- BCP Components
- Plan Maintenance

BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back / front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff and equipment, service utilities, telecommunications and data network, IT network, and related infrastructure based items.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- Information Technology ("IT")
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- Network Operations Center ("NOC")
- Enhanced 9-1-1 ("E-911")
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents. All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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BCP Components

The BCP consists of several components:

- Operational Preparedness for Expected Events (i.e. weather related events)
- Event / Crisis Communication Plan
- Redundancy Mapping
- Department Recovery Plans
- Information Technology Continuity Plan

The following is a brief summary of the plan components.

Operational Preparedness for Expected Events

Weather events such snow, ice and wind can negatively impact power and communications infrastructure. While this threat cannot be eliminated, FairPoint takes steps to mitigate a storm's impact through preparedness and response. Steps include:

- Pre-event planning based on information provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA")
- Coordinate planning and recovery efforts through state emergency management groups
- Engage supply chain vendors to delivery additional stock prior to the expected event
- Inspect, test and fuel emergency generators in anticipation of a power outage
- Reallocate / relocate staff in order to respond to the pending event

Event / Crisis Communication Plan

Communications is a key element to respond and recover business operations. Event / Crisis Communications are facilitated by FairPoint's Risk Management Team who assume the role of incident command from the onset of the event until normal operations are resumed.

FairPoint uses a dual level communication strategy as part the Event Communication Plan. The primary level is the workgroup comprised of both employees and vendors that are directly involved in the recovery work. The secondary level consists of internal interested parties made up of our Strategic Leadership Team. The role of the secondary level is to facilitate communications both internally and externally regarding the event and our path to response and recovery. For 2014, FairPoint has partnered with SunGard and will be deploying a hosted event communication platform in order increase our speed and reach of communications during an event.

Redundancy Mapping

The process of redundancy mapping reviews operations within the FairPoint organization to identify alternate facilities and work locations that can be used in the event a primary location is not accessible. Given the geographic spread of FairPoint's Northern New England footprint, capabilities exist to relocate operations from event impacted areas. Through the mapping process, FairPoint is able to identify single points of failure and develop alternative work processes.

Department Recovery Plans

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements, along with E-911 needs, have a high level of consideration in addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations. The recovery plans are built around a 24hour to 72hours response plan. This methodology



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focuses on the immediate steps that need to be taken to recover functional operations within short duration events (less than 24 hours) and well as long term plans to maintain functionality during an extended event (up to, or greater than 72 hours).

IT Recovery Plan

Like most operations, FairPoint is dependent on an IT infrastructure to conduct business and serve customers. Because of its importance, FairPoint has a continuity plan established specifically for IT operations. The IT continuity plan addresses security and access control of data sites, onsite / offsite data backup methods, processes for sequencing of system(s) recoveries and ultimately the use and execution of our established Disaster Recovery Site located outside the FairPoint footprint.

Plan Maintenance and Exercising

The BCP is a so called "living" document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are reviewed with oversight from FairPoint's Risk Management Team. In 2013, FairPoint began the process of migrating the BCP onto a cloud based solution which will allow access to the plan components from any computer, smartphone and tablet.

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Line 1010 – Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice service rate is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA15-470 released on April 16, 2015.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Standish Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The Catalog pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Standish Telephone Company are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

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GENERAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES (Cont'd)

LIFELINE PROGRAM

- (1) The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R § 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et.al) and any subsequent clarifying orders.

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GENERAL SERVICES

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4. TOLL RESTRICTION SERVICE (Cont'd)

b. Rates and Charges

1. The following rates and charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges.

	<u>Non Recurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Per central office line equipped	*	\$5.00

*Appropriate Section Service Charges apply.

2. Regulations regarding connection of terminal equipment as shown in Section 7 apply.
3. If a Customer has a scheduled payment arrangement which is agreed to by both the Company and the Customer to collect a past due balance, the Company may at its discretion waive the service charges and monthly rates when the service is added as a means of controlling the Customers bill.
4. For any Customer that qualifies under the Lifeline Assistance Program the Company will waive the service charge and monthly rates for Toll Restriction Service.

c. Payment Arrangement Provisions

1. When a Customer's local serving office is suitably equipped to provide screened billing the company may waive a Customer's payment of the service charges and monthly rates when the feature is added as a means of controlling a Customer's bill. If a Customer fails to complete a payment arrangement that has been renegotiated at least once the company may require screened billing as a condition to negotiations for the third or subsequent arrangement. The screened billing will remain on the line until the arrangement is completed

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The Catalog pages outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Maine Telephone Company are attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

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RATE FLOOR DATA COLLECTION - OMB Control Number 3060-0986					
Block 1 - Contact Information					
ROW #	DATA ELEMENT	FORMAT OF REQUESTED DATA	RESPONSE		
1	Carrier Study Area Code	6 numeric digits	100025		
2	Carrier Study Area Name	alpha characters	Standish/Maine Telephone Co.		
3	Service Provider Identification Number	9 numeric digits	143001280		
4	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	mm/dd/yyyy	6/1/2015		
5	Contact Name	alpha characters	Barbara Galardo		
6	Contact Telephone Number (include area code)	9 numeric digits	2075354126		
7	Sheet number	numeric digit(s)	1		
8	Total Number of Sheets	numeric digit(s)	1		
Block 2 - Residential Local Service Rates, Fees, and Line Counts					
	Column 1 Residential Local Service Charge	Column 2 State Subscriber Line Charge	Column 3 State Universal Service Fee	Column 4 Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Column 5 Loops
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING RATE FLOOR DATA ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Rate Floor Data

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual rate floor data reported ; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier See Attached Listing

Signature of authorized officer

M. Michael T. Skrivan

Date

June 23, 2015

Printed name of authorized officer Michael T. Skrivan

Title or position of authorized officer Vice President of Regulatory

Telephone number of authorized officer: (207) 535 - 4150

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier

See Attached List

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